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I. Certification under 37 CFR 1.10 (if applicable)

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II. New International Application

TITLE	APPARATUS AND METHOD OF IMAGE CODING, APPARATUS AND METHOD OF IMAGE DECODING, AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM RECORDED WITH RESPECTIVE IMAGE CODING AND DECODING PROGRAMS
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Earliest priority date (Day/Month/Year)

August 27, 1999

SCREENING DISCLOSURE INFORMATION: In order to assist in screening the accompanying international application for purposes of determining whether a license for foreign transmittal should and could be granted and for other purposes, the following information is supplied. (Note: check as many boxes as apply):

- A. The invention disclosed was **not** made in the United States.
- B. There is no prior U.S. application relating to this invention.
- C. The following prior U.S. application(s) contain subject matter which is related to the invention disclosed in the attached international application. (NOTE: priority to these applications may or may not be claimed on form PCT/RO/101 (Request) and this listing does not constitute a claim for priority).

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- D. The present international application is identical contains less subject matter than that found in the prior U.S. application(s) identified in paragraph C.
- E. The present international application contains additional subject matter not found in the prior U.S. application(s) identified in paragraph C. above. The additional subject matter is found on pages and **DOES NOT ALTER** **MIGHT BE CONSIDERED TO ALTER** the general nature of the invention in a manner which would require the U.S. application to have been made available for inspection by the appropriate defense agencies under 35 U.S.C. 181 and 37 CFR 5.1. See 37 CFR 5.15

III. A Response to an Invitation from the RO/US. The following document(s) is (are) enclosed:

- A. A Request for An Extension of Time to File a Response
- B. A Power of Attorney (General or Regular)
- C. Replacement pages:

pages	of the request (PCT/RO/101)	pages	of the figures
pages	of the description	pages	of the abstract
pages	of the claims		

- D. Submission of Priority Documents

Priority document	Priority document
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- E. Fees as specified on attached Fee Calculation sheet form PCT/RO/101 annex

IV. A Request for Rectification under PCT 91 A Petition A Sequence Listing Diskette**V. Other (please specify): Transmittal letter and attachments thereto (Form PTO-1390)**The person
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